

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 27.

Please add new claims 39 to 53

Claims 1 to 18 (canceled)

19. (previously presented) A combustible fuel source comprising:

a self supporting porous carrier of dried pulped fibre including at least one surface for a combustion site; and

a solid hydrocarbon fuel dispersed throughout said porous carrier after its formation such that, when ignited at said at least one surface, said hydrocarbon fuel is combusted and heat from said combustion vaporizes additional solid hydrocarbon fuel in said porous carrier which travels through said porous carrier to said at least one surface wherein it is combusted;

wherein said fuel source is formed into a preselected shape in the form of a cylinder and said fuel source further comprises an outer sheath which is denser relative to said porous carrier and said outer sheath is impregnated with a solid fuel.

20. (canceled)

21. (canceled)

22. (previously presented) A combustible fuel source comprising:

a self supporting porous carrier of dried pulped fibre including at least one surface for a combustion site; and

a solid hydrocarbon fuel dispersed throughout said porous carrier after its formation such that, when ignited at said at least one surface, said hydrocarbon fuel is combusted and heat from said combustion vaporizes additional solid

hydrocarbon fuel in said porous carrier which travels through said porous carrier to said at least one surface wherein it is combusted;

wherein said fuel source may be spread over an oil spill in the water and combusted together with said oil spill.

23. (withdrawn) A stove comprising:

a shell having a substantially open surface and ventilation means to introduce air to a combustion site within said stove;

a fuel source within said shell and including a porous carrier whose upper surface acts as a combustion surface and a solid fuel impregnated into said porous carrier such that, when ignited at said combustion surface said solid fuel is combusted and heat from this combustion vaporizes additional solid fuel within said porous carrier which travels through said porous carrier to said combustion surface wherein it is combusted.

24. (withdrawn) A stove according to claim 21, wherein said porous carrier comprises cellulose fibres.

25. (withdrawn) A stove according to claim 21, wherein said cellulose fibres comprise dried paper pulp.

26. (withdrawn) A stove according to claim 21, wherein said solid fuel is selected from the group comprising paraffin wax, beeswax, wax derived from animal products and wax derived from vegetable products.

27. (currently amended) A method of making a combustible fuel source comprising the steps of:

- (a) soaking a cellulose fibre product in water to form a first intermediate;
- (b) ~~coarsely~~ macerating the first intermediate to form a pulp;

- (c) drying the pulp to form a porous carrier;
- (d) impregnating the porous carrier with a liquified solid fuel such that the liquified solid fuel is dispersed throughout the porous carrier; and
- (e) solidifying the liquified solid fuel on the porous carrier to form the fuel source.

28. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 27, further comprising the step of shaping the pulp into a preselected shape between steps (b) and (c).

29. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the porous carrier is saturated with the liquified solid fuel.

30. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the cellulose fibre product comprises material selected from the group consisting of paper fibres, wood fibres, and cloth fibres.

31. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 29, wherein the cellulose fibre product comprises material selected from the group consisting of paper fibres, wood fibres, and cloth fibres.

32. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 30, wherein the solid fuel comprises a fuel selected from the group consisting of paraffin wax, beeswax, wax derived from animal products, wax derived from vegetable products, petroleum wax, motor oil, and grease.

33. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 31, wherein the solid fuel comprises a fuel selected from the group consisting of paraffin wax, beeswax, wax derived from animal products, wax derived from vegetable products, petroleum wax, motor oil, and grease.

34. (canceled)

35. (canceled)

36. (canceled)

37. (withdrawn) A method of making a combustible fuel source comprising the steps of:

- (a) comminuting a wood fibre product to form a wood fibre fluff;
- (b) compressing the wood fibre fluff into a preselected shape to form a first intermediate;
- (c) injecting steam into the first intermediate to form a porous carrier;
- (d) impregnating the porous carrier with a liquified solid fuel; and
- (e) solidifying the liquified solid fuel on the porous carrier to form the fuel source.

38. (withdrawn) A combustible fuel source manufactured in accordance with the method as claimed in claim 37.

39. (new) The method as claimed in claim 27, wherein the liquified solid fuel is liquified paraffin wax or beeswax, or an animal or vegetable derived wax.

40. (new) The method as claimed in claim 39, wherein the porous carrier is impregnated with the liquified solid fuel by immersing the porous carrier body in the liquified solid fuel.

41. (new) The method as claimed in claim 40, wherein the porous carrier is saturated with the liquified solid fuel after step(d).

42. (new) The method as claimed in claim 41, wherein the cellulose fibre product is paper or a paper product.

43. (new) The method as claimed in claim 42, further comprising the step of pressing the pulp into a desired shape between step b) and c).

44. (new) The method as claimed in claim 27, wherein the cellulose fibre product is paper or a paper product.
45. (new) The method as claimed in claim 44, wherein the liquified solid fuel is liquified paraffin wax or beeswax, or an animal or vegetable derived wax.
46. (new) The method as claimed in claim 45, wherein the porous carrier is impregnated with the liquified solid fuel by immersing the porous carrier body in the liquified solid fuel.
47. (new) The method as claimed in claim 46, wherein the porous carrier is saturated with the liquified solid fuel after step(d).
48. (new) A combustible porous carrier manufactured in accordance with a method comprising:
  - a) soaking paper or a paper product in water to form a first intermediate;
  - b) macerating the first intermediate to form a pulp;
  - c) drying the pulp to form a porous carrier body;
  - d) impregnating the porous carrier body with a liquified solid fuel; and
  - e) solidifying the liquified solid fuel on the porous carrier body.
49. (new) The combustible porous carrier as claimed in claim 48, wherein the liquified solid fuel is liquified paraffin wax or beeswax, or an animal or vegetable derived wax.
50. (new) The combustible porous carrier as claimed in claim 48 or 49, wherein the porous carrier body is impregnated with the liquified solid fuel by immersing the porous carrier body in the liquified solid fuel.
51. (new) The combustible porous carrier as claimed in claim 50, wherein the porous carrier body is saturated with the liquified solid fuel after step(d).

52. (new) The combustible porous carrier as claimed in claim 48, further comprising the step of forming the pulp into a desired shape between steps b) and c).

53. (new) The combustible porous carrier as claimed in claim 48, further comprising the step of pressing the pulp into a desired shape between step b) and c).